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As a part of the landscape planning process, homeowners should find out the levels of risk for wildfire for their home location. Fire resistant landscape designs can be both beautiful and functional.



Aesthetics need not be a tradeoff in designing a fire resistant landscape. The key is proper selection and placement of trees and vegetation. For example, we recommend cutting tree branches that hang over the roof and using well-irrigated perennials near the home with nonflammable mulches like gravel or crushed rock.

Looking for homeowners insurance?

Creating a fire resistant landscape increases the likelihood of obtaining homeowners insurance, as many insurers recognize wildfire risk in the underwriting process. Contact your insurance agent for more information.

It's your Responsibility



Protect your investment.

For many, their home is their most valuable asset. To best protect this investment, consult with local landscape professionals and your state forestry office for fire resistant vegetation and placement recommendations. Talk with an insurance professional to ensure your home is adequately covered.

For detailed fire resistant landscape ideas and information, log on to www.firewise.org

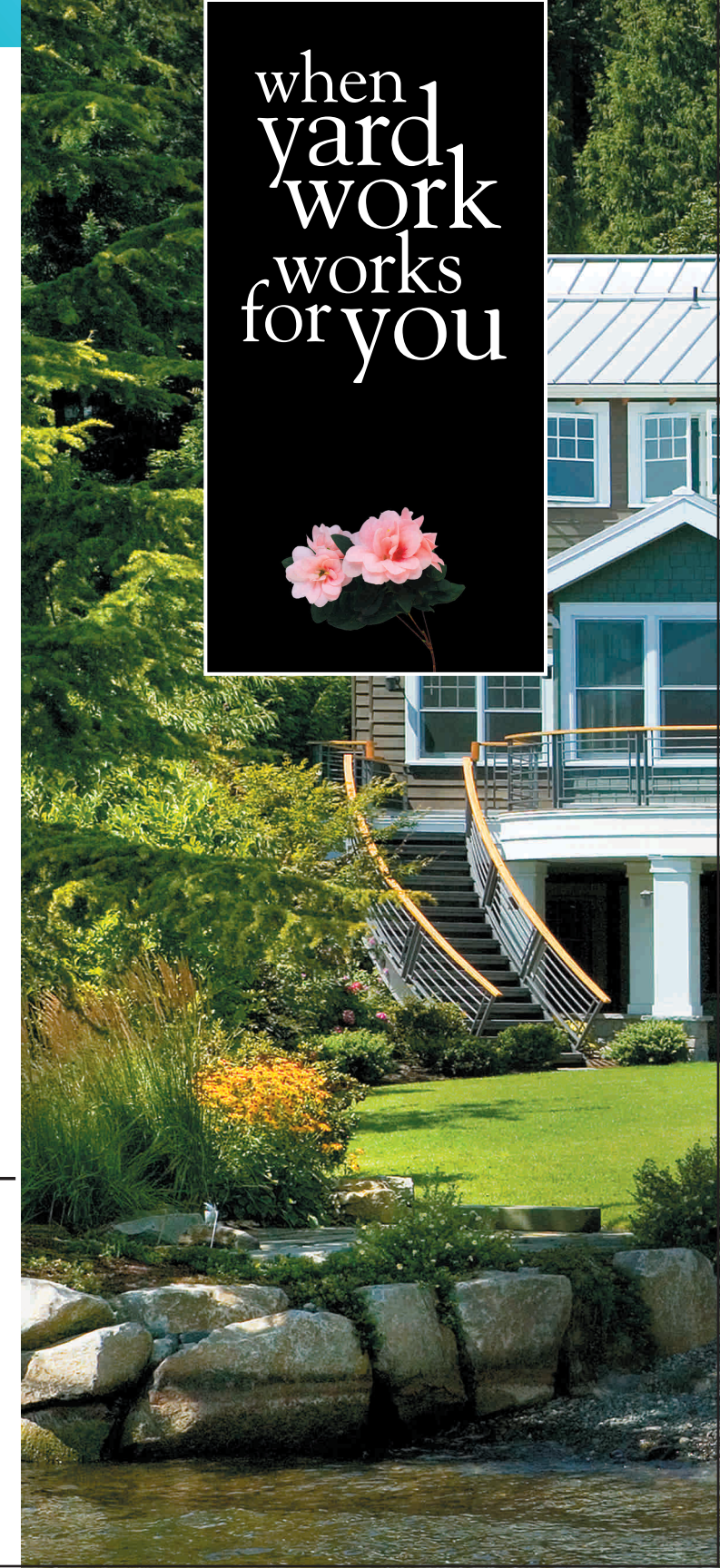


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For additional copies of this brochure or the related "Naturally Beautiful Fire Resistant Greenbelt Landscaping" video, contact the Washington State Department of Natural Resources toll free at 1-888-783-9548, or your local State Farm Insurance agent.

The information provided to you in this program may assist in reducing your danger from wildfire. However, exposure to this information does not guarantee that you will be free from fire damage arising from forest fire, or fire from other causes.

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Beautiful landscaping can help reduce your risk of wildfire



A well planned and maintained landscape design can result in a naturally beautiful setting that is pleasing to the eye while minimizing your risk of wildfire.

Your local landscape professional can assist you in identifying the best plants, trees and shrubs for your location. Consult your state forestry office for specifics on the wildfire danger in your area and tips to minimize the risk.

Green up your future

Landscaping offers one of the best returns on investment of any home improvement.

Whether you choose to do-it-yourself or hire a professional for the project, landscaping for safety and curb appeal can greatly increase the value of your home.



"When we moved to our forested mountainside, we felt badly about cutting down any trees. We learned, however, that it's okay to cut trees to improve forest health and create 'defensible' space. Now we sleep better knowing we've reduced the threat of wildfire and made it easier for firefighters to defend our house."

Kathy Mitchell
Bow, WA



Utility bills too high?

By creating shade in hot weather and blocking the icy wind in cold weather, carefully selected and placed vegetation and trees can lower heating and cooling costs.

Planning on selling?

An attractive landscape helps potential home buyers form a positive first impression.



"All homeowners and communities need to know how to build their homes, design their landscape and maintain their property and common grounds to stop the spread of fire."

Carol Becker
Spokane, WA

Comments?

Please help us serve you better by taking a couple of minutes to tell us your thoughts on the "Naturally Beautiful Fire Resistant Greenbelt Landscaping" video and/or brochure.

For taking the time and expense to send your completed survey back to us, we will mail you a **Smokey Bear trinket**. Thank you, we appreciate and value your input.

What state do you live in?

- ☐ Washington ☐ Oregon
☐ Idaho ☐ Montana
☐ Other _____

Did you see:

- ☐ the video ☐ the brochure
☐ both products

How did you get copies of the products?

- ☐ State Farm Agent ☐ Contact WA DNR
☐ Other _____

If you live in a "high-moderate" wildfire risk location, how likely are you to take time to implement fire resistant landscaping?

- ☐ Very likely ☐ Somewhat
☐ Not at all ☐ Already have

I found the brochure/video:

- ☐ Helpful ☐ Not helpful
☐ Somewhat helpful

Some locations may offer free home hazard risk assessments. Log on to www.dnr.wa.gov/wildfireprevention/ for contact information or to take this survey online.

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